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and SWEET CORN,

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Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1888.

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BIRTH.

At No. 36, Broadway, Hong Kong, on the 29th ultimo, the wife of Mr. JAMES FERRIER, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 20th March, 1888, at Christ Church, Shanghai, by the Rev. J. D. Valentine, of the C.M.S., JAMES AMOR HEAL to MATILDA GARFENTER, both of the China Inland Mission.

At the Cathedral, Shanghai, on the 2nd April, HENRY HOPE JOSEPH to HELEN CHRISTINA PURKER, second daughter of the Rev. George Purker.

DEATHS.

At Yokohama, on March 26th, the result of an accident, W. TASKER WATT, editor of the *Japan Gazette*, aged 28 years.

At Ningbo, on the 29th and 31st March, BENJAMIN ROYD and CYRIL GRANT, (aged 5 weeks), the twin sons of John Wilson, New Dock.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

(From Straits Times.)

THE EMPEROR.

Berlin, March 30th.

The Emperor is undergoing a course of massage to counteract the effects of want of exercise.

The Emperor to-day drove out.

GENERAL BOULANGER.

Paris, March 30th.

General Boulanger has withdrawn his candidacy for Aisne, and will contest Nord on the 15th.

In his electoral address Boulanger maintains the necessity of preparing for war, and the impotence of a Parliament alienated from the country, as at present.

He demands the dissolution of the Chamber, and the revision of the Constitution.

BULGARIA.

Vienna, 31st March.

A cordon of Turkish troops has been posted along the Bulgarian frontier. The Bulgarian Government has demanded explanations.

ROUMANIA.

The disturbances in Bucharest have subsided.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co., agents for the Canadian-Pacific Line, inform us that the steamship *Baltica* left Vancouver for this port on the 4th inst.

H.M.S. *Orion* arrived from Penang in Malacca Roads on the 1st instant. Owing to her heavy draught of water, she had to lie outside about four miles.

The matters submitted to us regarding certain prizes at the recent Hong Kong Rifle Association competitions are under consideration by members of the Committee, and will be dealt with as soon as possible.

THE Shanghai *Mercury* hears from Tientsin of the death of the Rev. Dr. J. K. Mackenzie, on Easter Sunday, from an attack of pneumonia, which reached his heart with fatal result. The funeral was to take place on Monday the 2nd inst., and the Viceroy Li Hung-chang had expressed his intention of being present.

The Tamchow and Tai-yu-shan Mining Co.'s smelting works at Tai-yu-shan, Lantau Island, will formally commence operations on Sunday next. To celebrate the occasion Mr. Ho Amel, the promoter and manager of the Company, has chartered the river steamer *Honam* and invited a number of leading residents to be present at the formal starting of an industry that ought to prove of very great importance both to Hongkong and South China. The *Honam* will leave the Steamboat Company's wharf at 3.30 a.m.

THE French flagship *Turenne* and the gunboat *Parasol* left Nagasaki for Kobe and Yokohama on the 28th inst.

THE Pelho Tug and Lighter Company have purchased the sailing coasters *Hakke* and *Soldier*, and will dismantle and convert them into lighters.

OUR Shanghai contemporaries state that Capt. Andrew, of the *Kwang-lee*, will shortly proceed to England to bring out a new steamer for the China Merchants Company.

AN Emergency meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1026, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Friday, the 13th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

SAVS our Tientsin contemporary: The city and settlement are rather sickly just now, and there is much small-pox amongst the natives; at Taku also. Some foreigners have taken the infection, but we are glad to say, so far, all cases progress well.

THE Nagasaki *Express* of the 4th inst. says:—General W. M. E. Nye, Colonel E. H. Cummins, and Major John G. Lee, of the United States Army, who have been engaged by the Korean Embassy, at present in America, to re-organize the Korean Army, arrived here in the *Higo Maru* on Sunday last, and proceeded to Jenchuan in the same vessel yesterday.

FROM Messrs. Wheelock & Co.'s Freight Market Report, dated Shanghai, 30th March, 1888, we take the following quotations:—Newchwang to Swatow, 28 Mex. cents per picul, steam, demand; Cheloo to Swatow, 20 Mex. cents per picul, demand; Nagasaki to Shanghai, \$1.50 per ton of coal, nett, for steamers, demand; \$1.30 ex ship, for sailing vessels, demand.

THE Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment will play at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. The following will be the programme:—

March, "Egypt".....Biedermann.
Overture, "Sea and Stranger".....Mendelssohn.
Valse, "Thalia".....Chabrier.
Mazurka, "Clerical".....Kluger.
Selection, "Isabelle".....Sullivan.
Selection, "Sultan of Moeha".....Celliers.

JOHN MORAN, Bandmaster.

WE (Chinese Times) hear that the able, accomplished, and genial priest-artist-architect, the Abbé Favier, has now at least 300 workmen employed on the new Pei-tang, or basilica, a fine edifice, large, massive and of majestic proportions, and that there are good reasons for expecting that the structure will be raised and covered with its roof by the winter. Great care is taken with the brick work, and the bricks used for the outside are very large.

A THUNDERSTORM of unusual violence, accompanied by torrents of rain, broke over the city during the small hours of this morning, and considerably reduced the high temperature prevalent last night. The Cricket Ground, which has been soaking this last fortnight, was partially under water this forenoon, and the Central School athletic sports had to be indefinitely postponed. We hear that a small landslip has occurred in the neighbourhood of the West Point Fort.

Age cannot wither, nor custom stale
Fair women's tempers for the fading male,
If widows of fifty will hang by their necks
Nervily for love of the opposite sex.

Miss Annie Hill, of Melbourne, inspired that verse. She was a silly little, romantic young thing of fifty—sweet fifty!—whose love was mellowed by experience with a deceased husband. But Annie laid the whole wealth of her affection at the feet of a widower, and when he married somebody else Annie withered like a flower, at the end of a rope attached to the kitchen roof. Wasn't it Theodore Hook who—for a wager—stopped the oldest-looking woman he had ever seen, and asked her at what time of life ladies became insensible to manly beauty? The fossil hobbled off on her crutches, mumbling, "You must ask somebody older than me."

THE Chinkiang correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes on the 4th inst.—Mr. E. L. Oxenham, British consul, returned last night from a trip up the Grand Canal, whither he had been to glean some information as to the overflow of the Hwang Ho. I hear that, owing to the strong freshet, the boat was unable to reach her intended destination.—The natives at Yangchow and the surrounding country are in dread of foundation, owing to the new course which the overflow from the Hwang Ho has taken.—Since my last I have obtained some good news. A very enterprising merchant of this port having received from an old Chinkiang resident at Cheloo, a number of partridges, has let them loose in the vicinity of the Wu-chow-shan range of hills, distant about six miles from this Settlement. From the opinion of "Old Sportsmen" here, they will soon wax strong, and will afford excellent sport during the next shooting season to many of the frequent visitors whom we have from your port.

WE reported yesterday that seven Chinese were charged at the Police Court before Mr. Wodehouse, with robbery, piracy and murder, and that the Magistrate discharged them owing to a want of sufficient evidence. We now learn that shortly after leaving the Court six of the men were re-arrested on the same charge. As they have been in custody since the 24th of March last, when they were apprehended at the instance of the Chinese Government, it looks as if we were likely to have another sensational Chinese rendition case. However, without in any way wishing to interfere with the course of public justice, we venture to submit to the proper authorities that it is against every principle of English law to detain men in custody without something in the shape of evidence to justify such detention. The Police Magistrate afforded the prosecution every opportunity of implicating these men in the alleged charges, and as not a title of evidence was forthcoming he acted quite properly in discharging them. Why they should have been at once re-arrested on the same charge requires some explanation.

THE *Shin-pao* reports that a slight shock of earthquake was felt at Kiangsi, about 7 a.m. on the 29th ultimo, but no damage was done.

MR. J. J. JOHNSON, a very old resident of Nagasaki, died at that port on March 25th, after a lengthy illness, and was buried the following day.

THE total loss of life in the *Hyakkan Maru* disaster on the Japanese coast, reported in our columns a few days since, has been ascertained to be 14 persons.

A SHOOTING match between the Garrison Shooting Club and a team from the 58th Regiment will be brought off at the Kowloon range on Thursday afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock.

REUTERS has actually taken the trouble to specially telegraph to the *Straits Times* that "the Rt. Hon. William Thackeray Marriott, Judge Advocate-General, has received the honor (?) of knighthood." The "honor of knighthood" is good, very good, and almost matches Mr. Russell Robertson's public reference in Yokohama the other day to a wretched C.M.G.-ship as a "distinction."

SAVS our Nagasaki contemporary of the 28th ult.:—The steamship *Benlarig*, which vessel is now discharging the balance of her cargo here, will be docked to repair damage to her bottom, caused by getting ashore whilst in a disabled condition on the passage out. The exact extent of damage sustained cannot be ascertained, we believe, until the whole of the cargo has been discharged, when she will have to be docked and surveyed.

WE hear that the territory lately ceded by the French Government to Monsieur Schœdelin at Dong-trieu, in Tonquin, possesses many advantages which would facilitate the working of the large quantities of coal it contains. The coal district is surrounded by 22 villages, from which labour can be easily obtained at the rate of five sous per day; a river runs along the whole tract, which affords easy means of conveyance to a shipping port, and the quality of the coal recently tested is said to be such as to command a ready sale. Monsieur Schœdelin intends shortly to establish a prospecting detail to all the particulars of his concession.

THE *Hu Pao* says:—We hear that the two Mining Offices under the control of the Tientsin Arsenal and the Taitai there respectively, last year received orders to coin each 50,000 strings of cash for use at Peking. Last year, before the river closed, each sent up 10,000 strings; and this month each office has sent a special officer to escort 10,000 strings to the capital, which are expected to arrive and be handed over very shortly. Each will in all probability send up 20,000 more strings during the third month of this year (Chinese). New machinery for minting has arrived in the steamship *El Dorado*, and when this is set to work we shall see a much finer quality of cash turned out.

ANTONIO ABRAHAMSON, describing himself as a priest, hailing from Smyrna, and Thomas Grezard, a native of Scotland, were to-day marshalled before Mr. Wodehouse at the Magistracy on a charge of vagrancy. Mr. Abrahamson, it is alleged, was originally a Mahomedan, but has lately avowed the faith of the Prophet and taken to Roman Catholicism; he has been six or seven months in the colony, has no fixed place of abode, is destitute, and is very anxious to return to Smyrna when an opportunity offers. Mr. Grezard, whose religious convictions were not inquired into, said that he came here from Shanghai hoping to get an appointment in the Imperial Maritime Customs, but failed owing to causes over which he had no control. His Worship considered the accused two "hard cases," and sent them into retirement.

THE wheel-barrow coolies of Shanghai have struck work. These industrious toilers number about four thousand and their present grievance is a notification, issued under the auspices of the Consular body, of a proposed increased tax on their industry. Some rioting took place on the French Concession, but nothing of a serious character, and the strikers have so far behaved most creditably. A proclamation has been published by the Chehsien and Mixed Court magistrate, warning the coolies against creating any disturbances, and stating that the question of taxing the wheel-barrow is under the consideration of the Foreign and Chinese officials. Our own Mr. Lister would be a valuable acquisition to these Shanghai wisacces, who evidently regard it as an spirited public policy to tax the scanty earnings of a hard working class, whose wretched lives are a combination of slavery and semi-starvation. Hongkong can well afford to part with the lavishly paid official who advocates the taxation of all public industries, and would be glad to *cumshaw* the Honorable Alfred to Shanghai—or anywhere else.

MESSRS. BANDINELL & Co. say in their report dated Newchwang, 29th March:—

"We beg to resume our advice with the opening of navigation. The ice broke up from the 18th to the 22nd instant. The first steamer in was the *Havir*, on the 25th, followed in the next few days by sixteen others. No sailing vessel has yet arrived. There is great enquiry for steam and sail for Amoy and for Hongkong.

"Produce is in large stock, but so many arrivals have run up prices. We quote:—

Beancakes per 10 piculs, \$1.30. No sellers.
Beans per 3 piculs, " 2.30
Bean Oil per 95 cetties, " 2.30 No buyers.

Sugar of all descriptions is dull. Holders are unwilling to sell at present low rates.

SHIPPING IN PORT.—*Lisung, Newchwang, Thyras, Vorwurt, Whampoa, Fooking, Hangchow, Hokuo, Kungai, Fungang, Rechi, Toan, Fuyen, and Achiu.*

Pine Gold are clear at the moment owing to short supplies, but prices will probably drop when the *Wooching* cargo comes along.

Metals are dull.

A TELEGRAM dated Berlin, April 2nd, states that the Emperor of Germany has amnestied all Prussian political offenders.

THE German gunboat *Wolf* left Nagasaki for Shanghai on the 28th ult., and the corvette *Bismark* left for Kobe the following day. The *Carola* proceeded to Kobe on the 4th inst.

THE *Japan Gazette* reports a sad accident that occurred the other evening at Yokosuka, by which eight seamen belonging to the Japanese man-of-war *Fuso* lost their lives. A number of liberty men from that vessel were going ashore in a sampan which appears to have been overloaded; the sampan was upset in the choppy water and eight of its occupants were drowned.

OUR morning contemporary's Macao correspondent suggests, no doubt in thorough good faith, the advisability of Portugal "selling those colonies which are not self-supporting." As the Holy City is notoriously in that sad plight, *vide* the official budget which shows a deficit of \$100,000, it would be interesting to know when the colony will be put up for sale. It may be said that the Treaty with China precludes all possibility of transfer, but the *Daily Press* correspondent solemnly places himself as far above treaties as the weak devil he indulges in so freely is beneath criticism.

WE are in receipt of the first number of *La Courrière Saigon*, a bi-weekly newspaper which has just seen the light of day. In the programme it lays before the public we are assured that "no other limits shall be placed to its freedom of discussion, but those of the most absolute truth and impartiality." In combating the measures recently adopted which have brought about the unification of French Indo-China, it says: "What other name but that of a critical period can be given to that which saw the consummation of the Indo-Chinese unity so unfortunately conceived by M. Etienne?"

THE Brisbane *Courier* Lady Fashionist says: "Nobody looks well in washed stays and a time-yellowed flannel petticoat and yet these garments are often 'too good to throw away.' Now could we not 'do up' both with soft satcen and a little inexpensive lace after the mode invented by the French *corsetière*?" We move an adjournment to remark that we could and will, and for the future shall insist on the whole staff following our example. The appearance of the office-boy in washed stays and a time-yellowed flannel petticoat has long interfered with our digestion after tiffin.

SAYS the *Rising Sun*:—The seventeen Japanese women who arrived as passengers at Nagasaki per *Kumamoto Maru* are, we learn, prostitutes, who were surreptitiously taken to Hongkong in the German steamer *Tartarus* some ten days ago. Whether news of their having been smuggled away, without conforming to the law with regard to obtaining the necessary pass-ports, was discovered and telegraphed down to Hongkong, or not, we cannot say; but we are informed that the Japanese Consul had them transferred to the *Kumamoto Maru* before they had even time to land. It will be remembered the *Tartarus* left Nagasaki during the night, which would favour them being taken on board without being seen by the police.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Ningpo to the *N. C. Daily News* on the 2nd inst.:—The remains of the Rev. John Butler and his little son, John Scovill Butler, who both died of cholera near Chinkiang on the 12th October, 1885, were removed to Ningpo and interred in the foreign cemetery on the 31st ult. Services in English and Chinese were conducted at the grave by Rev. W. J. McKee and native Pastor Zi, a goodly number of foreign residents and also of native Christians being present. The Chinese Christians connected with the American Presbyterian Mission at Ningpo, in token of their appreciation of Mr. Butler's eighteen years of faithful service in their midst, have of their own accord subscribed twenty dollars and have asked the privilege of applying it toward the purchase of a monument.

WE regret to learn from Yokohama of the death, under very sad circumstances, of Mr. W. Tasker Watt, a once popular Hongkong resident, who was for about five years on the staff of the *China Mail* and only left the colony last summer to assume the editorship of the *Japan Gazette*. Mr. Watt lived at No. 62, Bluff, in company with Mr. A. W. Quinton, another Hongkong newspaper man. Mr. R. Hay of the *Japan Mail* spent the evening of March 26th with his brother journalists, and at one o'clock in the morning of the 27th left the house. Mr. Watt escorted him to the top of an unprotected flight of steps leading into the road. After wishing his friend "good night" Mr. Hay proceeded onward, but had only gone a few yards when he heard an exclamation and a noise as of a heavy body falling. He at once ran back and found Mr. Watt lying senseless on the ground at the bottom of the steps. Mr. Quinton was quickly aroused, and after carrying the injured man inside the house, Dr. Wheeler was sent for, but medical services were of no avail, death occurring a few minutes after the doctor's arrival, from concussion and compression of the brain. An inquiry presided over by Mr. J. C. Hall, Acting British Consul, a verdict of accidental death was returned.

Mr. Watt, who was only 28 years of age, was a journalist of much promise—steady, persevering and intelligent. A native of Fife, he was a graduate of the office of the *Montrose Standard*, and if we mistake not gained some experience on the Dundee press. During his residence in Hongkong he was exceedingly popular, being the soul of geniality and good nature, whilst his frolicsome voice made him a welcome acquaintance to numerous social reunions and musical parties.

Mr. Watt was a Freemason, having been initiated in this colony by Lodge St. John, No. 618, S.C. and in 1886 he was elected I.C. At the time of his death he was Secretary of Yokohama Lodge, No. 1022, E.C., and his remains were followed to the grave by a large number of the brethren of that and other lodges in the district.

THE Russian war vessels *Dmitry Donskoi*, *Nayadnik*, and *Dobry* left Nagasaki for Jenchuan, Cheloo, and Shanghai on the 27th inst. They are expected to return in about a month's time.

THE LAST OF THE LI.

The fine royal walled enclosure or citadel of Hanol, once the seat of the Li dynasty of Tongking, which ceased to reign in 1785, is now almost cleared of native houses, and is given up almost entirely to huge barracks, magazines, and other buildings appertaining to the French army of occupation. Since the Ngyuen dynasty of Hué has been recognised by China as rulers over the whole of the Tongking-Annamite kingdom, Hanol has been nothing more than the seat of a Tongduc or Governor-General,—now, for administrative purposes, changed to a Khin-luoc or Viceroy. The old place of the Li kings occupies the centre of the citadel, and is a walled rectangle of about a quarter of a mile in circuit. The royal gates are bricked up, and the once regal halls are now the vulgar godowns in which powder, bombs, and other dangerous explosives are stored. Consequently the public is not admitted. Not far from the palace is a clump of bamboos, amid which stands one of the noblest specimens of the banyan (*Ficus religiosa*) trees in existence. The creepers which it has thrown down have taken root in the usual way, and have moreover been so guided, and encouraged that they form the most bizarre, quaint, and serpentine of shapes, and cover over fifty square feet in every direction. Perhaps there are a hundred different roots, all intertwining and interlacing each other in such a manner that a sort of natural labyrinth is formed, over which the spreading branches afford sufficient shade and shelter for a regiment of troops. Beneath the banyan is a small thatched hut or group of huts of the ordinary Annamite type, and in the dark recesses are the remains of what was once a tolerably fine temple. During the recent war the greater part of this group of buildings, together with all they contained, was destroyed or damaged by the French troops, and the gods and other sacred things were thrown about amongst the jungle and surrounding swamps. The place was formerly a nunnery; the nuns, of course were scattered, but what precise amount of violence or outrage they suffered, if any, is not on record.

When peace and tranquillity were being restored around Hanol, it was observed that an aged crone was daily seen groping her way amongst the troops to beg an *obolus* or a crust of bread. It was also noticed that she carefully collected all the broken images and other things which had been taken from the temple, and dragged them back with infinite pains and trouble to the sheltered remains of her former convent.

One day a brutal soldier, probably under the influence of liquor, threatened to kill her, and the Colonel's attention was directed to the old woman. The people round about said she was a royal princess; and she, herself, on being questioned, said it was a fact that she was the last survivor of the Li or Li dynasty, whose representative fled to China in 1785. At first it was thought that the poor old crone was mad; but the unknown Colonel, whose name deserves to be honoured in connection with the affair, touched by the old lady's courage and persistence in holding on amid such rough surroundings to the relics of her alleged ancestors, gave orders that the enclosure should no longer be entered without permission, and had inquiry instituted into the truth of her statements with a view to allowing her a small pension if her story could be proved.

M. Dumontier, the Chief of the Educational Department in Tongking, an enthusiastic archaeologist and a thorough Annamite scholar, was charged with the duty of ascertaining the exact truth, as to her pretension, which rested upon nothing but her own eager ratiocinations and the half-contemptuous admissions of the surrounding villagers. Up to this moment the utmost efforts have failed to elicit the slightest proof such as would justify an *arbitrio*. The old princess depends upon the precarious charity of visitors, and rests for protection upon a pencil scribble passed upon her gate. *On ne peut rien faire sans la protection de la baba—vive la baba!*

After inspecting the "wonderful banyan," which, suppose we have the princess's word? Accordingly he knocked at the door of the inner enclosure which was opened by a cheerful little boy, the servant and only companion of her royal highness. The princess followed—a little bowed, shrivelled, toothless old woman of 91. "Now watch how she will turn herself into a drum!" In reply to the question "How are you, baba?" the old woman swung her right arm actively round to her back and then round on to her "withered" chest administering hollow sounding blows of considerable force, which made her old crone echo like a drum. "My bones still ache," she said, renewing the drumming both by way of massage, and by way of illustrating the dismal nature of her rheumatism. "I am very old, and very poor; but they let me alone now, since the man with the *trois galons* told them they must not kill me." We asked her if she had any books or relics left, and if we might come in. Seizing us with her skinny arms by the sleeve she conducted us in a silent and mysterious way through strange passages to a dark room where a savage dog was chained to the most corner. The dog made desperate attempts to get at us, but was finally conducted out struggling by the little boy. A dog was now opened, and from the inside an earthy tomb-like blast greeted our nostrils as we groped our way into a dark solemn chamber lit up by the faintest possible oil-lamp. Two sitting corpses seemed to be regarding each other on each side of the lamp. It appears that this room, being half underground and concealed by brushwood, was not entered by the soldiers, and the two apparent corpses were simply two jars of the ordinary kind, and placed on each side of the altar. There were several other jars of interest, one of which, gracefully clad in a red robe, sat in an elegant and refined attitude, bore an intelligent expression of face, and appeared to wear a crown of coronet. This one was in perfect preservation. Possibly it was a king. The corners of the room were filled with maimed and broken josses, broken incense jars, and all manner of miscellaneous fragments, which the old lady had gathered from the surrounding ruins. She explained to us that the king and the queen had been killed by the French, and that she herself, the king's wife, had been taken to the king's prison, the *Trinket*, the Annamite prison, and that the last reigning king, it is difficult to say.

You could almost blow the princess over, so thin, frail, and tiny is she, her weight is probably not over 10 pounds. Notwithstanding her age, her parchment-like skin, her crooked

